

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3343

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E.O. 11652/N/A

TAGS: PGOV, WB, GE

SUBJECT: SHOOTING INCIDENT AT THE WALL

1. DURING THE MORNING OF MAY 8, TWO WEST BERLIN CUSTOMS GUARDS IN THE VICINITY OF UU 956-125 HEARD TWO REPORTS PRESUMABLY FROM EAST BERLIN, THE FIRST OF WHICH SOUNDED SIMILAR TO FLARE PISTOL AND SECOND LIKE RIFLE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A WOMAN REPORTED THAT AS SHE WAS WALKING IN HER GARDEN PLOT, SHE HEARD BULLET GO PAST AND STRIKE TOOL SHED. 7.62 BULLET SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN EAST GERMAN MACHINE PISTOLS WAS RECOVERED FROM ROOF OF SHED. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON EAST GERMAN SIDE OF WALL AND ROUND MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTLY DISCHARGED.

2. US SPOKESMAN HAS RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS MAY 8 A

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SHOT WAS FIRED FROM EAST BERLIN INTO THE NEUKOELLN

DISTRICT OF THE AMERICAN SECTOR. THE SHOT STRUCK  
THE ROOF OF A SHED IN A GARDEN PLOT IN WHICH A  
WEST BERLINER WAS WORKING AT THE TIME.

THE UNITED STATES COMMANDANT CONDEMNS  
THIS RECKLESS ACT WHICH ENDANGERED THE LIFE OF A  
RESIDENT OF WEST BERLIN. END TEXT.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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